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SSLC, 2nd PU classes to resume from tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec. 31 (RK&BCT)- After a gap of nearly nine months, school and college managements are preparing to meet all the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to resume offline classes for SSLC and Second PUC from tomorrow (Jan.1). Meanwhile, some parents are worried to send their wards to schools.

Educational institutions that were shut in March this year due to COVID-19 pandemic are reopening tomorrow. Class 10 and 12 will be the first to commence. Vidyagama programme is being launched for students of classes 6 to 9 and this will be under the direct supervision of the District Administration.

Staff of Avila Convent in city cleaning a classroom this morning.

Ahead of tomorrow's resuming of classes, the authorities have begun sanitising the classrooms.

While Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) teams are sanitising classrooms of both private and Government schools and colleges, Panchayat and Health Department staff are sanitising classrooms in rural areas.

Classrooms cleaned and sanitised; consent letter from parents mandatory

MCC Health Officer Dr. D.G. Nagaraj told *Star of Mysore* this morning, that after the first round of sanitisation by the MCC, the schools have to continue the sanitisation process at frequent intervals.

(See CLASSES on page 4)

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Cops in mufti are ready with camera to 'shoot' New Year violations

Mysuru, Dec.31 (RK,KS& SSV)- Planning to launch special DJ party? Hold on. Armed with cameras, Cops in mufti will visit all pubs, clubs, bar and restaurants in city to cross-check whether special parties are held stealthily.

Sources told *Star of Mysore* that already a number of Cops have been assigned with the task of paying surprise visits to party venues to look out for any violations of guidelines issued by both State and Central Governments for New Year parties in the wake of COVID-19.

Police informants would be sharing information about holding secret parties and such information would be shared with the Police in plainclothes, who would visit the venues in the guise of customers and collect documentary evidence before booking cases under Karnataka Epidemic Diseases Act, 2020.

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Thursday 31st December 2020

Senior IAS Officer P. Ravi Kumar is new Chief Secretary of State

Bengaluru, Dec. 31 (Agencies)- Going by seniority, the State Government yesterday appointed Additional Chief Secretary P. Ravi Kumar, a 1984 batch IAS officer, as the new Chief Secretary of Karnataka.

P. Ravi Kumar

The incumbent Chief Secretary, T.M. Vijay Bhaskar, will retire today following his superannuation. 58-year-old Ravi Kumar is the second senior-most IAS officer of Karnataka cadre after Bhaskar. Bhaskar took charge of the administration in July 2018 following the retirement of the then Chief Secretary Rathna Prabha.

The Department of Personnel & Administrative Reforms (DPAR) in an official notification appointed Kumar as the Chief Secretary and he is expected to take charge today.

Ravi Kumar has been serving as the Additional Chief Secretary to the Government since September along with the additional charge of Additional Chief Secretary to IT/BT and Science and Technology Department.

The Government is yet to announce who will take charge of Ravi Kumar's current responsibilities. Ravi Kumar was a favourite for the post given his position as Additional Chief Secretary to the Government which is considered as second in line.

In his previous roles, he has served as an Additional Chief Secretary (Power), Additional Chief Secretary to the Chief Minister of Karnataka among other top posts.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

There will be a temptation in some quarters to press the panic button over the news that six people who have returned to India from the UK are infected by the new COVID-19 strain. The view among these elements will be that the nation is back to square one, when the first case of the Coronavirus was detected in Kerala on January 30, 2019. Yes, it's back to the drawing board of sorts.

What is known of the new strain so far is that it is more transmissible than the original virus but there is no evidence yet that it causes a more intense illness or leads to a higher fatality rate. So the main cause of concern as of now is that the UK strain could reverse the downward trend in fresh cases if the affected people have transmitted the disease to others.

This could push up new cases requiring hospitalisation, stretching the health infrastructure all over again. By all accounts, the vaccines that have been developed are not only effective, but safe with hardly any side effects. They have already been launched in a number of countries while it could be a matter of only a few days before they arrive in India. In the meantime, both the Government and the public must not let down their guard and squander away the gains of the last few months. — In The New Indian Express

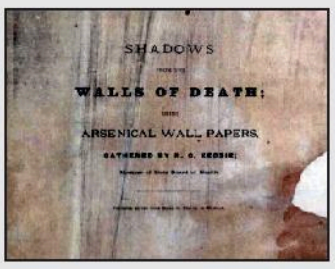
NEWS SPARKLERS

Court tells baker to stop selling sawdust cookies

Karlsruhe: A German baker who has reportedly been selling sawdust cookies for around two decades has been ordered to stop selling the same, as the finely milled wood has been deemed unfit for human consumption.

An Administrative Court in the southwestern German city of Karlsruhe has upheld a decision to ban the sale of cookies made with sawdust, despite the producer's claim that they were a traditional vegetable product. The unnamed baker had been operating a mail order business, selling his sawdust cookies all over Germany. He openly listed sawdust as an ingredient on the packaging of his biscuits and had already written to the city of Karlsruhe about his practice back in 2004, but received no answer. Then, in 2017, a routine examination of a biscuit sample led to a sales ban which he then contested in Court.

A book that can literally kill you



Michigan: People who speak of potentially-deadly books, usually refer to the radical or controversial ideas they contain. But here in the case of one very scary book, the potential for lethalness is quite literal.

Shadows from the Walls of Death: Facts and Inferences Prefacing a Book of Specimens of Arsenical Wall Papers is a book published in 1874 by Dr. Robert M. Kedzie, a Union surgeon during the American Civil War. Of its 100 or so pages, 86 are just samples of arsenic-pigmented wallpaper that people used to decorate their homes during those times.Though arsenic is a toxin capable of killing a person if ingested, no one imagined it could kill even when used as an active ingredient to make wallpaper. Kedzie did, though, so he printed this book as a warning.

In fact, when Kedize's theories were proven correct, libraries that had received copies of it destroyed them, deeming them too dangerous for the public.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Orange –Eating one medium orange daily will provide significant amount of Vitamin C and Potassium. They are also a good source of B-Vitamins, such as thiamine and folate. Orange also helps in iron absorption and preventing anemia.

By Kavya. J - Department of Dietetics & Nutrition

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COVID-19 UPDATE

Mysuru

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	34
Total positive cases	:	52,346
Discharges yesterday	:	75
Total discharges	:	50,887
Deaths yesterday	:	1
Total deaths	:	1,013
Total active cases	:	446

Mandya

Positive cases yesterday	:	18
Total positive cases	:	19,418
Total discharges	:	19,117
Total deaths	:	147
Total active cases	:	154

Chamarajanagar

Positive cases yesterday	:	12
Total positive cases	:	6,770
Total discharges	:	6,557
Total deaths	:	119
Total active cases	:	83

Kodagu

Positive cases yesterday	:	18
Total positive cases	:	5,728
Total discharges	:	5,564
Total deaths	:	71
Total active cases	:	93

Hassan

Positive cases yesterday	:	31
Total positive cases	:	28,000
Total discharges	:	27,358
Total deaths	:	393
Total active cases	:	249

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

A boyfriend asks his girlfriend: *What gift would you like to receive during the St. Valentine's Day?*

Girl: *Well, I don't know, she answers.*

Boy: *Ok, then I give you another year to think about it !!*

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 73.05
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 99.66
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.89
1 Euro	= Rs. 89.82

VOICE OF THE READER

Complete electrification of Railway Network by 2023: A welcome move

Sir,

The recent announcement by Railway Board regarding complete electrification of its Railway Network by 2023 is welcome.

Indian Railways, of late, is dependent much on fossil fuel through diesel-powered locos affecting the environment badly. As otherwise complete electrification of its entire route network will reduce carbon emission levels and makes the transporter a highly sustainable and eco-friendly organisation.

The target of 2023 should be completed quickly in phases across all the Railway Zones including Railway lines along the Konkan route. A deep focus on non-electrified tracks including its survey, along with doubling/tripling/quadrupling of tracks as necessary should be taken up at the earliest without much delay.

Complete electrification as announced will bring in immense opportunities to Indian Railways and may help identify ways to reduce cost to the exchequer. Railways should thus make all efforts to inch closer towards achieving eco-friendly electrified lines by doing away with diesel-powered locos in a fast-paced manner by 2023.

—Varun Dambal

Bengaluru 28.12.2020

Merchants Co-operative Bank announces 25 percent dividend

Bank's net profit stands at Rs. 5.76 crore

Mysuru, Dec. 31- The Mysore Merchants Co-operative Bank in city has announced a dividend of 25 percent on the shares of its members.

Announcing this at the 61st AGM of the Bank held virtually recently, Bank President R. Anand said that the dividend cannot be released for now due to a RBI direction.

Maintaining that the Bank has performed better than last year, he said that the Bank earned a profit of Rs.10,88,34,377.06 crore and with Income Tax deduction of Rs. 5,11,53,936 crore, the Bank's net profit stands at Rs. 5,76,80,441.06 crore.

Pointing out that the Bank has a total deposit of Rs. 387.14 crore as on Mar.31, 2020, he said that the Bank has advanced loans totalling Rs. 289.53 crore, thus taking the Bank's total transaction to Rs. 676.68 crore.

Asserting that the Bank is consolidating its financial standing with augmentation of its resources every year, Anand said that the Bank's Non-performing Assets stands nil. The profits of the Bank's branches at Bandipalya and Hebbal too has increased as compared to the previous year, he added.

Noting that the Bank has been advancing loans to members and non-members at low interest rates, he called upon the members to utilise this opportunity for availing loans. He further said that the dividend will be paid after the RBI grants permission, which is expected to happen in the coming days.

Bank Vice-President R.P. Krishnamurthy, Directors C.V. Somashekar, B.R. Nandish, B. Kodandarama, K. Premkumar, A. Prabhuprasad, M.N. Mahesh, N. Sudha, C.S. Gangambike, N. Kannan, N. Raghava and S. Rachappaji, Bank General Manager Sridhar B. Kulkarni and others were present.

Talk on 'Power of Yoga' on Jan. 3

Mysuru, Dec. 31- Nature Cure meet will be held at Shivananda Jnanalaya, JLB Road, Lakshmipuram, here on Jan. 3 at 4 pm. Karnataka Rajyotsava Awardee Dr. A.S. Chandrashekar will speak on "Power of Yoga." Members are requested to attend wearing mask. For details contact Dr. N. Krishnamurthy, Secretary on Mob: 93420-73674.

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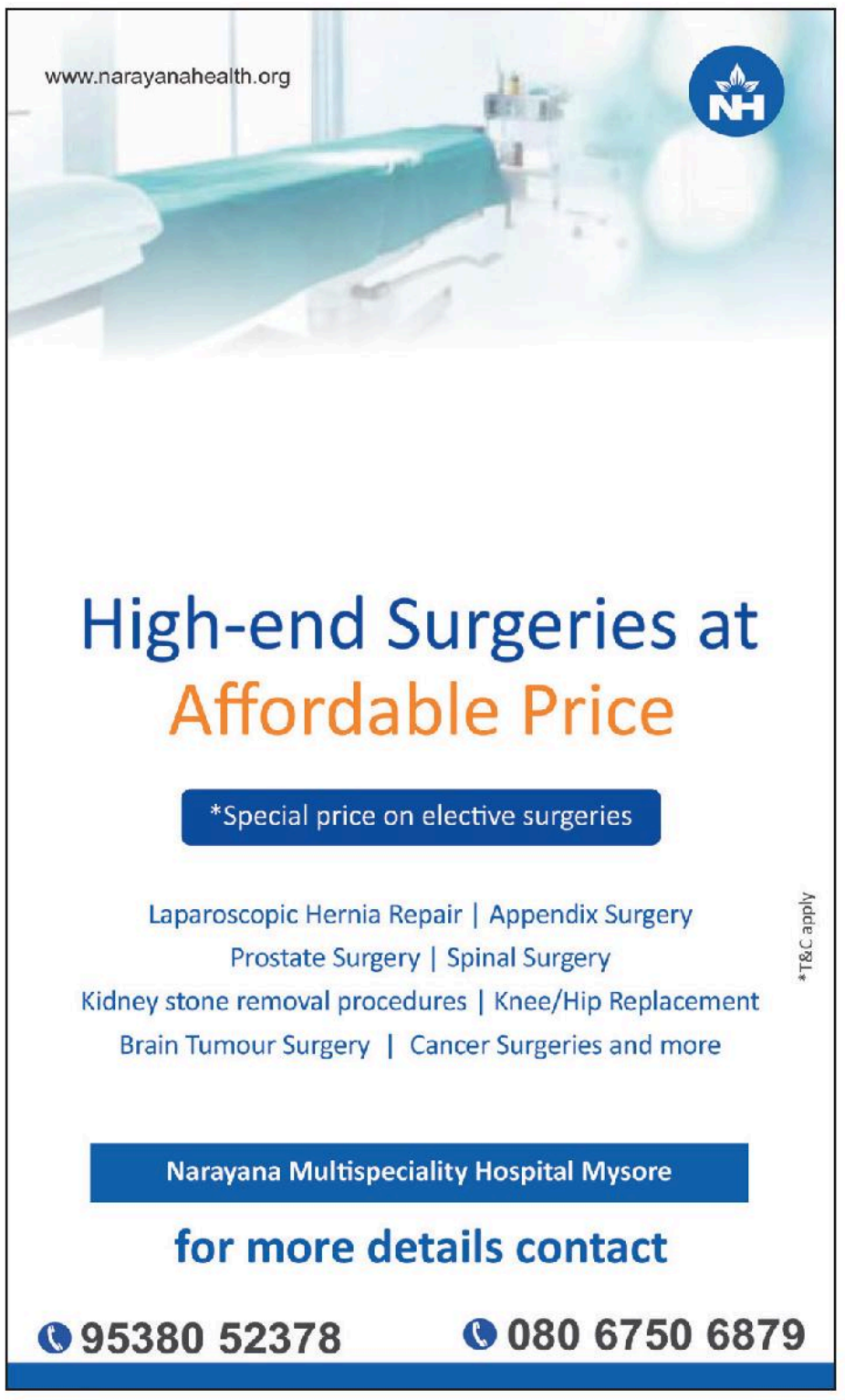

NEWS BRIEFS

Distribution of talking laptop

Department for the Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens has invited applications from visually impaired students for distribution of talking laptops. Visually impaired students studying SSLC and above (2020-21) are eligible to apply. For application forms and other details, contact District Differently Abled Welfare Officer, Department for Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens [Ph: 0821-2490333], according to a release.

Ph.D awardees

The University of Mysore (UoM) awarded Ph.D in Chemistry to Saurav Ramesh Nayak for his thesis 'Modification of Carbon-based nanomaterials and their anti-corrosion and photocatalytic applications' submitted under the guidance of Dr. K.N. Mohana.

The UoM has awarded Ph.D in Gandhian Studies to N. Rangaswamy for his thesis 'Gandhijiyavara Drushtiyalli Moulyaadarita Shikshana - Ondu Vimarshatmaka Adhyayana' [Guide: Dr. M. Ramachandra].

Manipal Academy of Higher Education has awarded Ph.D in Audiology and Speech Language Pathology to M. Usha for her thesis 'Immediate effects of comprehensive vocal care module among primary school teachers with self-perceived voice handicap' [Guide: Dr. Jayashree S. Bhat]

KRS Water Level

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Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,271.25 ft
Inflow	317 cusecs
Outflow	250 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,819.63 ft
Inflow	162 cusecs
Outflow	30 cusecs

SSLC, 2nd PU classes to resume

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While unaided and private schools have to bear the cost of sanitisation, the Government Schools have been allowed to use their School Development and Monitoring Committee (SDMC) funds for purchase of thermal scanners and hygiene equipment.

Consent letter

Before sending children to schools and colleges, parents must send a signed declaration that his/her child/children do not have COVID-19 and an RT-PCR test has been conducted. Along with this declaration, a signed consent letter expressing willingness of parents to send the child to schools/colleges must be sent through the child, said Deputy Director of Public Instruction (DDPI) and Deputy Director of PU Education (DDPUE).

Ahead of reopening of schools and PU colleges Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri has appealed parents to send their children to schools and colleges as all safety measures had been taken to restart academic activities. Officials at district and taluk levels have been asked to ensure the success of academic activities that were so far suspended, forcing children to remain confined to homes and take up online classes, the DC informed.

Student numbers

There are 2,290 schools with students in classes 6 to 10. Government, aided, and unaided schools have about 2,08,605 students and 20,088 teachers. A total of 956 Government Schools run classes for standards 6 to 8 and 232 schools have students studying in classes 9 and 10. In the schools, including aided and unaided, 1,68,495 students are in classes 6 to 9 and 40,110 students are in class 10.

A MCC staff sanitising a classroom at Maharaja's Junior College this morning.

Panchayats and Health Department have been directed by the DC to ensure cleanliness of toilets and all SOPs are followed. Panchayats have been told to provide thermal scanners to schools. Orders have been passed to monitor strict implementation of COVID-19 guidelines in schools and colleges and the precautions have been taken on the directions of the State Government.

On symptomatic students

Schools and colleges have been told to designate a classroom as an 'isolation room' for symptomatic students and teachers have been asked to monitor the health of each child and take them to hospital for a check-up if necessary.

All teachers have to undergo RT-PCR tests as per the Government order. Even as the schools are reopening from tomorrow, distribution of food grains to students instead of cooked food as part of midday meal programme will continue, the DC added.

Yesterday, many students lined up in front of *Chikka Gadiyara* near Devaraja Market, to give their swab samples for the RT-PCR test. Free tests are being conducted by the Health Department and mass RT-PCR tests are being conducted till Friday at J.K. Grounds.

Classes from Jan. 6

All private schools are not opening tomorrow. While Excel Public School will open from Jan. 6, Kautilya Vidyalaya will open from Jan. 4. Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, K.G. Mathew, Principal of Excel Public School said that the school will reopen for class 10 and 12 from Jan. 6. "This is a long weekend and we have decided to open from Jan. 6 with all the precautions, systems, staff and equipment in place. We will conduct RT-PCR tests for staff at the institution itself and will take measures to sanitise each classroom and students would be accommodated as per COVID guidelines," he said.

Classes will be held for half-a-day and children coming to school will have to carry a consent letter from the parents. "We have personally called the parents and have informed about the school's functioning, measures taken and the guidelines to be followed," he added.

Dr. L Savitha, Senior Principal and Secretary of Kautilya Vidyalaya said that their school will open from Jan. 4, Monday. "We have already sanitised our classrooms and kept ready for students. We are not compelling any student to come to class as we have a system of both online and offline classes. Classes will be held for half-a-day and we will follow COVID guidelines," she explained.

Retd. Dy.SP's suicide linked to woman's murder at Belakavadi?

Mandya, Dec. 31 (KS)- Mandya Superintendent of Police (SP) K. Parashuram has stated that retired Dy.SP Hanumanthappa, who committed suicide at Vijayanagar in Bengaluru, is suspected to be involved in the murder case of a woman identified as Saraswathi of Belakavadi village in Malavalli taluk, who was found dead under mysterious circumstances two months ago.

Disclosing this at a press meet, the SP said that Hanumanthappa was earlier serving as an Inspector at Lashkar Police Station in Mysuru and Saraswathi was working as a cleaning staff at the same Police Station.

Continuing, the SP said that though Hanumanthappa was transferred, he used to visit the Police Station frequently to meet Saraswathi and added that following COVID-19 pandemic, they were unable to meet.

But two months ago, Saraswathi was found dead in a suspicious manner and her body was found near Shivanasamudra, the SP said and added that during investigation, it was known that Hanumanthappa and Saraswathi were in constant touch and information about the two meeting frequently was received.

Based on the information, Hanumanthappa, who was residing at Bengaluru, was issued notice to be present for the enquiry and he had come for the same once, the SP said and added that during investigation, the location of both (Hanumanthappa and Saraswathi) mobile phones were found in the same mobile tower location many times including the day of Saraswathi's death following which another notice was issued to Hanumanthappa to be present for enquiry, but he did not come.

Moreover, fingerprints were found near the neck of Saraswathi, which gave rise to suspicion and when preparations were made to enquire Hanumanthappa, he had committed suicide, which has given rise to suspicion about the involvement of Hanumanthappa in Saraswathi's murder, SP Parashuram said.

Lady sentenced to 6 months jail for negligent driving

She was involved in a car accident that resulted in the death of a two-wheeler rider on Feb. 28, 2016

Mysuru, Dec. 31 (RK&KS)- City's 4th Chief Judicial Magistrate (CJM) Court has sentenced a Bengaluru-based lady driver to six months imprisonment besides imposing a fine of Rs. 2,000 after she was found guilty of rash and negligent driving resulting in the death of a two-wheeler rider on Feb. 28, 2016 in city.

The sentenced lady driver is Girija Swamy, wife of Ravikanthaswamy of Bengaluru.

On Feb. 28, 2016, Krishna, a Security Guard of an ATM, was proceeding from Columbia Asia Hospital side towards Fountain Circle on his two-wheeler when Girija Swamy, who was driving a car, hit the two-wheeler from behind near Shobha Garden, resulting in Krishna suffering from serious injuries. Though Krishna was admitted to a city hospital, he succumbed to injuries after three months.

The then NR Traffic Inspector C. Kiran Kumar, who had registered a case of rash and negligent driving against Girija Swamy, resulting in the death of Krishna, had submitted a charge-sheet against Girija Swamy to the Court.

Judge Sunil R. Hosamath, who took up the hearing, heard the arguments from both sides and found Girija guilty and sentenced her to six months imprisonment and imposed a fine of Rs. 2,000. Public Prosecutor Shivakumar argued on behalf of the Government.

Cops to 'shoot' New Year violations

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Such parties are usually organised in farm houses on the outskirts of city by throwing all safety measures in thin air. "Police will keep an eye not only inside the city but also in farm houses around the city," sources said.

Drink, drive and lose DL

Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) - Crime and Traffic M.S. Geetha Prasanna told *SOM* that checking for drink and driving would be held this evening at various locations in city. Those who are caught, drunk and driving would be booked and their vehicles and Driving License (DL) will be seized. They have to take a cab or autorickshaw to reach their home and attend Court the next day to pay penalty of Rs. 10,000. "Law will be enforced strictly to prevent any road mishaps after consuming liquor," she added.

Can't please anyone

City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta said that they have decided to strictly enforce rules promulgated by the State Government in connection with Near Year celebrations.

Certain roads would be closed for traffic after 10 pm and citizens have to take alternative route to reach home. "Orders are here to be implemented and not to please any. Any person trying to misbehave with the Cops will be dealt with iron hand," he added.

The Top Cop said that all pubs, clubs, bars and restaurants must close before 11.30 pm across the city. There is no restriction in consuming liquor provided all safety protocols are adhered. However, people can take liquor home and consume after 11.30 pm. But, cases would be booked if they come out after consuming liquor. Following Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) is a must for owners of all pubs, clubs, bars and restaurants, he added.

He said that adequate Police force would be deployed at all strategic points to prevent public nuisance by revellers in inebriated condition. Crowding is strictly banned and people should not stand in groups anywhere in the city to welcome 2021. Those found defying rules would be booked without any mercy, he warned.

No vehicles on streets from 10 pm to 5 am

Meanwhile, City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta has banned movement of vehicles on prominent roads in city from 10 pm today till 5 am tomorrow.

This order has been passed under the Indian Motor Vehicle Act 1988, Column 115, 117 and under Section (3) of Karnataka Traffic Control Act 1960.

Roads where traffic is banned are; roads around Mysore Palace (both sides from Gun House Circle to Harding Circle), Purandara Road (from B. Rachaiah Circle till the Wrestling Arena), Old Sayyaji Rao Road (both sides from B. Rachaiah Circle till K.R. Circle) and Albert Victor Road (both sides from Hardinge Circle to K.R. Circle).

Only KSRTC rural buses, city buses, security vehicles and essential and emergency vehicles are allowed on these roads. Parking of vehicles is strictly banned around Mysore Palace.

Flyover closed

Vehicles are banned from east to west side and from west to east side on Hinkal Flyover (Grade Separator) on Mysuru-Hunsur Road.

Mysuru-Goa flight in high demand

Mysuru, Dec. 31 (SSV)- With lots of restriction on New Year celebrations in city, Mysuru party revellers are heading towards Goa to welcome 2021 in their own style.

Mysuru Airport Director R. Manjunath told *SOM* that since last one month, the occupancy rate had been around 90 percent on both directions. In fact, this has emerged as one of the sought-after routes between Mysuru and Goa. In last two days, the flight to Goa was almost full from Mysuru with youths heading to celebrate New Year in grand scale. The flight is 90 percent booked from Goa to Mysuru after Jan. 2, 2021, he added.

He said Goa has been the most sought-after destination among travellers as they will reach within one hour from Mysuru. Reason for this has been attractive beaches and heritage structures.

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THE YEAR THAT WAS - 2020

JANUARY

Jan. 2 : Prime Minister Narendra Modi visits Siddaganga Mutt in Tumakuru; Jack Hebner (73), popular as 'Surfing Swami,' dies of cancer.
Jan. 3 : PM Modi inaugurates 107th Indian Science Congress at Bengaluru.
Jan. 5 : Ex-Karnataka Governor T.N. Chaturvedi (90) dies.
Jan. 6 : Renowned painter Akbar Padamsee (91) no more.
Jan. 10 : Rtn. Aa.Cha. Ashoka Kumara (77) passes away.
Jan. 11 : Veteran Scholar Dr. Chidananda Murthy (89) dies.
Jan. 13 : Team India's 2019 World Cup Superfan Charulata Patel (87) passes away.
Jan. 16 : Musicologist Dr. R. Sathyanarayana (93) no more.
Jan. 18 : Tasneem of JD(S) elected Mayor of Mysuru; C. Sridhar of Congress Deputy Mayor.
Jan. 20 : Former UoM Kho-Kho team captain A. Vijaykumar passes away at 48.
Jan. 24 : **Mysuru city's first Automated Vehicle Driving Test Track inaugurated at RTO East.**
Jan. 26 : Kobe Bryant, NBA champion and Olympic gold medallist, dies in helicopter crash along with daughter Gianna and seven others.
Jan. 28 : Man Vs Wild's Bear Grylls shoots at Bandipur with actor Rajinikanth.
Jan. 29 : Ustad Tilak Jetti (56), Vajramushti Kalaga fighter at Palace, passes away.
Jan. 30 : Bollywood star Akshay Kumar shoots in Bandipur with Bear Grylls.
Jan. 31 : Rev. Fr. S. Anthony Swamy (59) of Mysore Diocese passes away.

FEBRUARY

Feb. 1 : Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman presents Budget 2020-2021.
Feb. 3 : Former Minister and former State JD(S) President, D. Manjunath, passes away.
Feb. 5 : Central Government makes first donation of Re. 1 to 'Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra' Trust to begin work on Ram Temple in Ayodhya.
Feb. 6 : Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa inducts 10 BJP MLAs to his six-month-old Cabinet.
Feb. 11 : Arvind Kejriwal's Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) sweeps Delhi polls.
Feb. 14 : Dr. N. Prakash Gowda takes charge as DCP (Law and Order).
Feb. 18 : Senior Kannada actress Kishori Ballal dies at 70.
Feb. 21 : Dr. B.R. Ananthan (72), former Vice-Chancellor of Rani Channamma University, passes away; Author and MP Jairam Ramesh in city.
Feb. 24 : US President Donald Trump and First Lady Melania Trump arrive in Ahmedabad.
Feb. 27 : CM B.S. Yediyurappa moves into official residence 'Cauvery' on his 77th birthday; Pandit Sudhakar Chaturvedi, a close confidante of Mahatma Gandhi, dies aged 121.
Feb. 28 : Sri Ravishankar Guruji attends 2nd Corporate Wellness Conference of CII Mysuru at Rajendra Centenary Auditorium of JSS Hospital in city.
Feb. 29 : **Indian Turf Invitation Cup 2020 begins at MRC.**

MARCH

Mar. 1 : Seventh Economic Census begins in city.
Mar. 2 : Rev. Fr. William Albuquerque (62) of Mysore Diocese passes away.
Mar. 4 : Mayor launches online Building Plan approval system.
Mar. 5 : CM B.S. Yediyurappa presents State Budget.
Mar. 10 : Former Union Minister and four-time MP Jyotiraditya Scindia quits Congress.
Mar. 12 : COVID-19 threat - Thermal screening begins at Mysore Airport.
Mar. 14 : Corona scare - Mysuru partially shut.
Mar. 16 : President nominates former CJI Ranjan Gogoi to Rajya Sabha (RS); Veteran journalist and former RS Member Patil Puttappa (Papu), dies at 101.
Mar. 17 : COVID scare - Mysuru District Administration imposes Section 144; Avian Flu: Mass culling of birds begins; Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas takes to skies for its maiden flight in Bengaluru.
Mar. 19 : One person tests positive for COVID-19 in Kodagu; PM Modi addresses nation on 'Janata Curfew.'
Mar. 20 : Four Nirbhaya rape case convicts HANGED; Indian Football legend P.K. Banerjee dies aged 83.
Mar. 21 : Mysuru reports first COVID case.
Mar. 22 : **Nation observes 'Janata Curfew.'**
Mar. 24 : PM Modi announces 21-day lockdown.
Mar. 26 : 35-year-old employee of Jubilant Generics, Nanjangud, tests positive for COVID-19.

APRIL

Apr. 1 : Centre identifies Mysuru among 25 COVID hotspots.
Apr. 5 : City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta orders closure of all business activities after 6 pm from Apr. 5 till Apr. 14; Crores of people respond to PM's appeal to light lamps.
Apr. 6 : Cargo plane with COVID essentials lands at Mysore Airport; First patient to test positive in Mysuru cured and likely to be discharged this evening.
Apr. 9 : Co-operation Minister S.T. Somashekar appointed Mysuru District Minister, replacing V. Somanna, who continues as Kodagu District Minister.
Apr. 11 : **Lockdown tightened in city, barricades laid.**
Apr. 12 : State Government extends lockdown till April 30.
Apr. 13 : Veteran Congress leader M.V. Rajasekharan dies in Bengaluru at 91.
Apr. 14 : PM Modi extends lockdown till May 3.
Apr. 17 : Movement of vehicles, people restricted - Mysuru City Top Cop issues guidelines with timings; 10 Fever Clinics in Mysuru to screen COVID cases; Nikhil Kumaraswamy, son of former CM H.D. Kumaraswamy, ties knot with Revathi, grandniece of former Congress Minister M. Krishnappa.
Apr. 24 : T.P. Shivaiah (59), Deputy Conservator of Forests, Madikeri Wildlife Division, passes away.
Apr. 29 : Actor Irrfan Khan dies at 53.
Apr. 30 : Veteran actor Rishi Kapoor (67) passes away.

MAY

May 1 : MCC collects tax through PID Number.
May 3 : 'Nityotsava Poet' Nissar Ahmed (84) dies.
May 4 : KAS Officer Dr. D.B. Natesh takes charge as MUDA Commissioner from outgoing Commissioner P.S. Kantharaju.
May 7 : 11 killed, 300 hospitalised in Vizag gas leak; Kodava Family Hockey Tournament Founder Pandanda Kuttappa (Kuttani) dies at 85.
May 13 : Sandalwood actor 'Michael' Madhu (51) dies.
May 15 : Mysuru COVID-free- All 90 positive cases cured; Muthappa Rai (68) dies of cancer.
May 16 : First migrant special train from city chugs to UP.
May 18 : Lockdown 4.0: No entry for visitors from Maharashtra, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Kerala till May 31.
May 19 : Mysuru's iconic Hotel Southern Star shuts operations; Rev. Fr. Joseph Aloysius D'Mello (72) of Mysore Diocese passes away; Singer Nancy Nandita (38) passes away.
May 22 : **Shramik Special with 1,250 passengers leaves for Bihar from Mysuru;** Kannada writer Shantadevi Kanavi (87) passes away; Renowned vocalist Shyamala Bhave (79) no more.
May 23 : Kamsale artiste Mahadevaiah (78) passes away.
May 26 : Pyaate Hudugir Halli Life Season-4 winner Mebiena Michael (22) dies in road accident; Pailwan R. Ramalingaiah (92) passes away.
May 29 : Chhattisgarh's first CM Ajit Jogi passes away at 74; Famous astrologer Bejan Daruwalla dies at 89.
May 31 : Dr. N. Kannan (84) of Kannan Lab passes away.

JUNE

June 1 : Digitisation at Rangayana; DCP (Crime and Traffic) B.T. Kavitha transferred.
June 2 : Earth Day Network declares Kokkare Bellur as 'Star Village.'
June 4 : Celebrated film-maker Basu Chatterjee (90) no more; Senior Police Officer M.S. Geetha takes charge as DCP (Crime and Traffic).
June 5 : Mysuru District Minister's Office opens at new DC Office Complex in Siddarthanagar.
June 6 : U.M. Gurushantappa elected BAI Karnataka State Chairman, N. Subramanya - BAI State Secretary.
June 7 : Kannada actor Chiranjeevi Sarja dies at 33.
June 8 : Rellow Plaque installed at Kuvempu's 'Udayaravi' house in Mysuru.
June 10 : Malavika Gubbivani appointed as President of Aadmi Party (AAP) Mysuru District Unit.
June 12 : KSOU gets exclusive rights over distance education.
June 13 : Lieutenant General (retd.) Codanda Somanna passes away in Virajpet at 94.
June 14 : Bollywood actor Sushant Singh Rajput (34) commits suicide in Mumbai.
June 18 : Delayed II PU English exam held safely in city.
June 22 : **LandmarkShanthalaTheatreannouncesclosure.**
June 23 : Senior IAS Officer B.M. Vijayshankar (59) ends life; Mysuru District reports first COVID-19 death.
June 25 : SSLC exam begins under COVID cloud.
June 28 : Novelist Geetha Nagabhushan (78) no more.

JULY

July 2 : D.K. Shivakumar takes oath as KPCC Chief; Senior Police Officer R. Shivakumar takes charge as new Additional SP of Mysuru.
July 3 : Choreographer par excellence Saroj Khan dies aged 71.
July 8 : Veteran actor-comedian Syed Ishtiaq Ahmed Jafri (Jagdeep) dies at 81.
July 9 : Sandalwood co-star Susheel Kumar (30) commits suicide.
July 10 : Gangster Vikas Dubey shot dead; KSOU Academic Bhavan at Mandakalli readied as COVID Care Centre.
July 12 : **India's 2018 tiger census creates Guinness record for largest camera trap survey.**
July 13 : Travancore Royal Family wins Padmanabha Swamy Temple case in SC after 9-year battle.
July 14 : Congress party sacks Sachin Pilot as Rajasthan Deputy CM and State Party Chief.
July 15 : MUDA-allotted Siddartha, KC and JC Layouts Freed from B-Kharab classification.
July 19 : Filmmaker Rajat Mukherjee no more; Veteran Kannada film actor B. Shanthamma (95) dies.
July 24 : Rev. Fr. Deepak Rayappa (OFM cap) of Dornahalli passes away in Kripalaya, Mysuru, at 58.
July 25 : Former Additional Advocate General A.S. Ponnanna to head KPCC Legal Cell and RTI Cell.
July 26 : RTOs resume DL tests under COVID shadow.
July 31 : Senior KAS Officer B.R. Poornima takes charge as Commissioner, Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage in Mysuru.

AUGUST

Aug. 1 : B-Kharab classification of MUDA-allotted sites dropped; Paediatrician Dr. Indra Amla (90) no more.
Aug. 3 : JSS Hospital shortlisted for COVID vaccine trials.
Aug. 4 : Jubilant launches 'JUBI-R' (remdesivir) for COVID-19 treatment in India; JD(S) MLA from Sira in Tumakuru B. Sathyanarayan (68) passes away.
Aug. 5 : **PM lays first brick for Ram Temple in Ayodhya.**
Aug. 6 : Talacauvery Landslide - Five including Chief Priest T.S. Narayanachar missing.
Aug. 7 : Dr. Mohammed Yousuf (63), Chairman of Karnataka State Wakf Board passes away.
Aug. 8 : 30-year-old M. Nagendra anointed as pontiff of Salur Mutt in M.M. Hills.
Aug. 9 : KRS Dam Crest Gates opened.
Aug. 11 : Talacauvery Chief Priest's body found; P.V. Sneha takes charge as Lokayukta SP in Mysuru.
Aug. 19 : Former Chamarajanagar MLA C. Guruswamy (68) passes away.
Aug. 20 : Mysuru is India's Cleanest Medium City; Nanjangud Taluk Health Officer Dr. S.R. Nagendra (43) ends life.
Aug. 25 : Fumigation Chamber inaugurated at ORI; Former IPS Officer Annamalai joins BJP.
Aug. 26 : Siddanagouda Patil (87), first elected Kannadiga Mayor of Belagavi, passes away.
Aug. 28 : H.V. Rajeev takes charge as MUDA Chairman.
Aug. 29 : Covishield clinical trial begins at JSS Hospital; B. Sharat is new Mysuru DC - Abhiram G. Sankar transferred as ATI Joint Director.
Aug. 31 : Former President Pranab Mukherjee (84) dies.

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 4 : Drug scandal - CCB detains Ragini Dwivedi.
Sept. 6 : Sri Kesavananda Bharati Swamiji (80) of Edneer Mutt in Kasaragod, passes away.
Sept. 7 : Sqn.Ldr. A.B. Devayya's statue unveiled at Madikeri; Doyen of Indian Radio Astronomy Prof. Govind Swarup (91) passes away.
Sept. 8 : Drug case - Actress Sanjjanaa Galrani arrested.
Sept. 10 : Rafale jets join IAF's 'Golden Arrows' Squadron.
Sept. 11 : Swami Agnivesh (80) passes away.
Sept. 13 : Dr. N.M. Srinivas (82), former Chairman of Mysore Race Club (MRC), passes away.
Sept. 14 : Former Chairman of Zoo Authority of Karnataka M. Nanjundaswamy (61) passes away.
Sept. 15 : CM B.S. Yediyurappa lays foundation for Vishnu Memorial online; Senior KAS Officer D. Bharathi appointed new CEO of Mysuru ZP.
Sept. 20 : Press photographer D.H. Amar Das (83) dies.
Sept. 23 : Union Minister Suresh Angadi (65) dies; Congress MLA B. Narayanrao (65) passes away.
Sept. 25 : Noted playback singer S.P. Balasubramanyam (SPB) dies in Chennai aged 74.
Sept. 27 : Former Union Minister Jaswant Singh dies at 82.
Sept. 28 : **Covishield trial enters Phase III at JSS Hospital;** B.S. Srikantaiah (90), former Principal of Sri Ramakrishna Vidyashala passes away.
Sept. 29 : Rohini Sindhuri takes charge as Mysuru DC; 'Chandamama' artist K.C. Sivasankar passes away in Chennai at 97.
Sept. 30 : Outgoing Mysuru DC B. Sharat appointed as MD of Karnataka Silk Marketing Board Limited.

OCTOBER

Oct. 1 : Gajapayana begins with only five Dasara elephants at Veeranahosahalli.
Oct. 8 : Union Minister Ram Vilas Paswan dies at 74.
Oct. 11 : Rafael Nadal wins 13th French Open title, equals Federer's record of 20 Grand Slams.
Oct. 12 : Health and Family Welfare portfolio, held by B. Sriramulu, given to Dr. K. Sudhakar.
Oct. 15 : DRC Cinemas re-open after 225 days.
Oct. 17 : Dr. C.N. Manjunath, Director, Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research, inaugurates Dasara; CM B.S. Yediyurappa presents State Sangeetha Vidwan Award to Pt. Vinayak Torvi.
Oct. 18 : 21st Mar Thoma Metropolitan Dr. Joseph Mar Thoma passes away; Mudukuthore Shakha Mutt Seer Sri Mahalinga Swamiji (98) passes away.
Oct. 19 : UoM Centenary Convocation - PM Narendra Modi delivers Convocation address virtually; Senior BJP leader K.S. Nagarajappa (76) passes away; Chief Electoral Officer Sanjiv Kumar gets Ph.D from Mysore University; Infosys Foundation Chairperson Sudha Murty conferred with Hon. Doctorate in absentia.
Oct. 25 : Rtn. G.R. Parameshwarappa (86) passes away.
Oct. 26 : **CM BSY inaugurates low-key 'Jumboo Savari.'**
Oct. 29 : Senior KAS Officer A.M. Yogesh takes charge as Additional Regional Commissioner, Mysuru.
Oct. 30 : S.R. Natesha, Conservator of Forests (CF) and Director (Project Elephant), Bengaluru, posted as CF and Director of Bandipur Project Tiger in place of CF T. Balachandra, who retired on Oct. 31.

NOVEMBER

Nov. 3 : Actor H.G. Somashekar Rao (86) passes away; Violin Maestro T.N. Krishnan dies at 92.
Nov. 8 : Democrat Joe Biden elected as 46th President of United States of America (USA), California Senator Kamala Harris as Vice-President.
Nov. 12 : Veteran journalist Ravi Belagere (62) of Hai Bangalore passes away.
Nov. 18 : Dr. M. Shanthakumar (75), retired Principal of Sri Jayachamarajendra College of Engineering (SJCE), passes away in Bengaluru.
Nov. 19 : T. Srinivasulu (80), former Director General and Inspector General of Police (DG&IGP) of Karnataka, passes away in Bengaluru; KPCC President D.K. Shivakumar's daughter Aishwarya engaged to Amartya Hegde, son of Cafe Coffee Day Founder late V.G. Siddhartha.
Nov. 20 : Former Ganabharathi President G.L.N. Ayya (97) passes away; Field Biologist and wildlife conservation expert Ajay Desai (62) passes away.
Nov. 21 : Dr. Prafulla Malladi appointed as a Director of KSTDC; L. Vivekananda elected as Chairman of Mysore Race Club (MRC) .
Nov. 24 : **Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa inaugurates Office of the Commissioner of Police, Mysuru.**
Nov. 25 : Senior Congress MP Ahmed Patel (71) dies at Gurugram; Argentina football legend Diego Maradona passes away aged 60.
Nov. 29 : Revenue Minister R. Ashok inaugurates Ponnampet taluk.
Nov. 30 : Hotelier Girish Kushalappa (50) passes away.

DECEMBER

Dec. 2 : UK becomes first country to approve Pfizer/BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine; Dr. Kalyatanda S. Gautam of Mysuru Bags Coveted International Educator Award; Decathlete Rafer Johnson, 'World's Greatest Athlete', dies at 86.
Dec. 5 : Senior KAS Officer P.A. Paramesh takes charge as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Mysuru ZP.
Dec. 10 : PM Narendra Modi performs Bhoomi Puja for new Parliament building.
Dec. 11 : Mysuru-Mangaluru flight begins operation.
Dec. 13 : Scholar Dr. Bannanje Govindacharya (85) dies.
Dec. 14 : Eminent Aerospace Scientist Roddam Narasimha (87) passes away in Bengaluru.
Dec. 15 : Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) directs State Government to reinstate IAS Officer B. Sharat as Mysuru DC.
Dec. 17 : MUDA launches 'Namma Mane - Namma Licence' for building plan approval within a day.
Dec. 19 : Senior RSS ideologue M.G. Vaidya (97) dies.
Dec. 23 : Malayalam film director Naranipuzha Shanavas (37) dies; Asthana Vidwan V. Nataraj (83) no more.
Dec. 25 : Dr. A.P. Jnana Prakash, Professor, Physics Department, University of Mysore (UoM), appointed as UoM Registrar (Evaluation); D. Vinod Shivappa re-elected as Bangalore Turf Club (BTC) Chairman.
Dec. 28 : **Mysuru-Hyderabad flight resumes;** PM inaugurates country's first ever driverless Metro train.
Dec. 29 : Legislative Council Deputy Chairman S.L. Dharme Gowda (65) dies by suicide; Rev. Msgr. J.B. Xavier (82), Vicar General of Mysore Diocese, no more.

Columbia Asia Hospital hosts webinar for soon-to-be-mothers

Mysuru, Dec. 31 (KS) - Columbia Asia Hospital, Mysuru, had organised a Parent Craft Webinar for soon-to-be-mothers on Dec. 26 in which 76 would-be parents and family members attended the webinar online.

This was an interactive session where the doctors provided necessary information for pregnant women for a healthy pregnancy period and successful delivery. Guidance on labour analgesia, exercise-routine, diet advice, live recipes for a healthy diet were also discussed as part of this session.

Speaking at the session, **Dr. K. Veena, Consultant, Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Columbia Asia Hospital,** Mysuru said, "Every woman need to enjoy the experience of child birth. We have designed this special programme for soon-to-be-mothers where-in topics like healthy pregnancy and the measures to achieve it will be discussed. Pregnant women should be extra careful about what they eat during pregnancy-period in order to fulfil additional nutritional requirements of the mother and baby. Also, helping them to understand the importance of exercise will also lead to easy and safe delivery."

Dr. K. Veena, Consultant, Obstetrics & Gynaecology of Columbia Asia Hospital.

Dr. Madhura Phatak, Consultant, Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Columbia Asia Hospital, Mysuru, said: "Mostly pregnant women are concerned about the labour pains and coping with it. With the advancement in the medical field today, labour pain can be minimised to an extent to ensure painless delivery. Discussion about the new techniques also give insights for soon-to-be-mothers about the delivery procedures."

Dr. B. Chethan, Consultant, Neonatology, Columbia Asia Hospital, Mysuru, said: "A newborn can bring a host of exciting activities in a mother's life. Along with this happiness, comes the responsibility of caring for the newborn. Though this is a challenging task, it becomes manageable with the right advice. It is important for the soon-to-be-mothers to understand the importance of breastfeeding, handling and caring for the baby, their medical emergencies and daily activities to handle the baby well and cherish the moments."

Many soon-to-be-mothers spoke about their experience and asked questions during this interactive session. The common questions pregnant women and their family members posed was about the diet, type of exercises to be followed during pregnancy, how should breastfeeding be done, the risks involved in labour analgesia and so on.

Rev. Msgr. J.B. Xavier passes away

Mysuru, Dec. 31- Rev. Msgr. J.B. Xavier (82), Vicar General of Mysore Diocese, passed away on Dec. 29 evening in city following heart attack.

Rev. Msgr. J.B. Xavier

His mortal remains was kept at St. Mary's Minor Seminary, opposite LIC Building at Millennium Circle in city for the public to pay their last respects and the cortege was moved to St. Joseph's Cathedral on Dec. 30 morning, where a solemn Requiem Mass was conducted by Bishop of Mysuru Most Rev. Dr K.A. William.

The mortal remains was later taken to Our Lady of Rosary Church at Shettihalli in Hassan district, his birth place, to inter at 3.30 pm on the same day.

Rev. Msgr. J.B. Xavier was the Vicar General of the Diocese of Mysore and was a Professor of Liturgy and Church History at St. Peter's Pontifical Seminary, Bengaluru. He also served there as Rector for three years and as the Registrar of St. Peter's Pontifical Institute. He was also the Director of Organisation for Development of People (ODP), Parish Priest at Ganjam, Kollegal and Yadavagiri.

As the Secretary for Karnataka Regional Commission for Liturgy for a number of years, he has done extensive work in translating liturgical books to Kannada.

He was also a member of the Ecumenical Bible Translation Committee and has translated the New Roman Missal, book of blessings in Kannada and prepared the Kannada Lectionary.

He was working on the project of translating Catholic Version of the Bible and book of Gospels and Sacramental Rituals to Kannada.

First Minimally Invasive Open Heart Surgery performed at Cauvery Hospital

Seen are** (from left) **Chief Cardiac Anaesthetist Dr. Satwik Telkar, Cauvery Group Chairman Dr. G.R. Chandrashekar, patient Abdul Lathif and Chief Consultant Cardiac Surgeon Dr. S.C. Madhuprakash along with the medical staff during a press meet at the hospital in city recently.

Mysuru, Dec. 31 (KS)- Cauvery Heart & Multi-Speciality Hospital on Bannur Road in Siddarthanagar here has upgraded its skills to perform Minimally Invasive Cardiac Surgeries under the care of Dr. S.C. Madhuprakash, Chief Consultant Cardiac Surgeon and Dr. Satwik Telkar, Chief Cardiac Anaesthetist.

The first mitral valve repair operation by Minimal Invasive Technique (a small cut through right chest without cutting the bone) was performed on 41-year-old Abdul Lathif recently and the patient is doing fine and discharged.

Minimal invasive cardiac surgery is an advanced skilful surgery performed at a very few hospitals, mainly in metropolitan cities. Presently, Cauvery Heart & Multi-Speciality Hospital is one of these few hospitals and the first one to provide this care in Mysuru indigenously.

Dr. Madhuprakash said, "Many can be operated through this technique and it needs a team approach. The main procedure which are done through this technique are valve operation, ASD closure and bypass operation. Patients who are not fit for this procedure are patient with morbid obesity, patient requiring multiple procedures at the same time, patients with advanced disease and any patient with previous operations in the chest."

Dr. G.R. Chandrashekar, Chairman of the Cauvery Group and Syndicate Member of Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS), said: "Cauvery Heart & Multi-Speciality Hospital, one of the top most hospitals providing quality cardiac care in Mysuru since 10 years, has already done more than 2,500 open heart surgeries with good outcome. Minimal invasive cardiac surgery is a new development."

Being a successful Laparoscopic Surgeon himself and running the health institution successfully, Dr. Chandrashekar explained how important it is to adapt new techniques constantly to provide better health care.

Noted Urdu Poet Shamsur Rahman Faruqui's death condoled

Allahabad, Dec. 31 - Eminent poet, critic and writer Shamsur Rahman Faruqui passed away at his home in Allahabad on Dec. 25 morning. He was 85.

Urdu Poet Shamsur Rahman Faruqui

Faruqui's book 'Kai Chaand The Sar-e-Aasman,' written in 2006, has been hailed as a masterpiece of Urdu fiction. An English version of this book 'Mirror of Beauty' was published in 2013. He has also been credited with spearheading the revival of the Dastangoi — an Urdu oral storytelling art form.

He was awarded Sahitya Akademi Award in 1986 for his book 'Tanqidi Afqar,' which focuses on modern theories of poetry appreciation, *Saraswati Samman* in 1996 for his work 'Sher-e Shor-Angez,' a study of the major eighteenth-century poet Meer Taqi Meer and was honoured with the *Padma Shri* in 2009.

Shamsur Rahman Faruqui had delivered a special lecture under the aegis of All India Anjuman Tarriqqui Urdu, Mysuru Branch, during his visit to the Postal Training Institute at Mysuru.

Prof. Syed Manzoor Ahmed, President of All India Anjuman Tarriqqui Urdu, Mysuru Branch, has condoled the death of Shamsur Rahman Faruqui.

Man goes missing from city

K. Nandan

Mysuru, Dec. 31 (KS)- A 45-year-old man, who left his house on Dec. 15 at about 7.30 am, has since gone missing.

The missing person is K. Nandan, a resident of Katte Hosur in Manchegowdanakoppal in Mysuru. He is 5.6 ft. tall, oily red complexioned, normal built, speaks Malayalam and Kannada and was wearing a yellow colour full arm shirt and black pant at the time of going missing.

Those having any information about the missing person may contact Hebbal Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418318 or Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339, according to the press release.

Obituary

K.A. Varghese

Mysuru, Dec. 31- K.A. Varghese (82), a retired Regional Institute of Education (RIE) employee and a resident of CFTRI Layout in Bogadi, passed away yesterday at a private hospital in city.

He leaves behind his daughters Anitha John, Sunitha Prasad and Vanitha Varghese, sons-in-law John Samuel, Prasad Jose and Bobby Joseph, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. His wife Sosamma had predeceased him in 2017.

Funeral was held at St. Gregorios Orthodox Syrian Church Cemetery at Uttanahalli this afternoon, according to sources.

Khadi gown to make entry into UoM Convocation

- Panel set up to suggest design and colour
- Clamour grows for traditional *Mysore Peta*

Traditional Mysore Peta

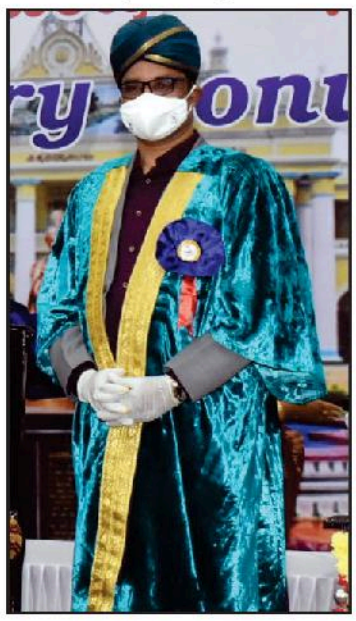
Current Mysore Peta

Mysuru, Dec.31 (RK&SSV)- If everything goes well, you will see the guests in newly-designed Khadi attire to present gold medals and confer honorary degrees on students in the next Convocation of University of Mysore (UoM).

A decision to say good-bye to silk/velvet material gown which has been in use for many decades during the annual convocation, was taken at the Syndicate meeting held here yesterday under the Chairmanship of Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, UoM.

The meeting held at Crawford Hall unanimously resolved to change the gown wore by guests and members of Academic Council and Syndicate during Convocation. It was also decided to constitute a sub-committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. Jnana Prakash, Registrar (Evaluation) to work in this direction. The VC said the Committee members must visit other Varsities to see the kind of gown being used during convocation, type of cloth, design and colour of gown. A detailed report should be submitted by the panel at the earliest to enable the Varsity to take a decision. However, the Syndicate meeting decided to continue with the tradition of using *Mysore Peta* during Convocation.

Why Khadi gown?



The University Grants Commission (UGC), which has been extolling the virtues of khadi, has cited Prime Minister Narendra Modi and asked Universities and colleges to use the fabric for ceremonial dresses worn on special occasions.

"The PM has advocated the use of Khadi and also emphasised on the revival of handlooms. Mahatma Gandhi used khadi, a handspun and handloom cloth as a weapon during the struggle for Independence, and hence it is also known as 'Liveries of Freedom'...the use of khadi and other handloom will not only give a sense of pride of being Indian, but also be more comfortable in hot and humid weather," the UGC has said in a circular to all the Universities during October, 2019.

Go for traditional *Peta*

Mysureans, while welcoming the Varsity's decision to change the 'British gown' to Khadi during Convocation, has appealed to the VC to go for traditional *Mysore Peta* as the current *Peta* used was not the original one as worn by erstwhile Maharajas.

Responding to reports in media, several *SOM* readers called to thank Prof. Hemantha Kumar for initiating a step to encourage the dwindling Khadi industry but wanted him to go for authentic and signature style *Mysore Peta* by going through the pictures of our great Mysore rulers. Plenty of photographs are available in the University and the Mysore Palace to see traditional *Mysore Peta.* The one which was being used now was not *Mysore Peta,* they noted.

'108' Ambulance ready

to meet any medical emergency tonight

Mysuru, Dec. 31 (SSV)- No matter whether party buffs have made up their mind to welcome New Year with a big bang but GVK EMRI-Arogya Kavacha '108' Ambulance service is fully prepared to deal with any emergency cases on Dec.31 night.

Did you know around 30 to 35 percent of road accidents occur during New Year-Eve celebrations than normal days? This is the survey conducted by the Ambulance Service Provider.

T.H. Narayana, Programme Manager, GVK EMRI 108 Ambulances, has said that it was strengthening its fleet across Karnataka to minimise the loss of lives in road accidents during New Year celebrations.

The '108' Ambulance is closely coordinating with Police Department. It will liaise directly with a senior officer in Police Control Room, Mysuru, to reach the accident spots at the earliest.

The mobile phone networks are likely to be congested between 11.45 pm and 12.30 am on New Year's Day. Ambulances would be deployed near Police Stations, Government Hospitals, Fire Stations etc., to get information on accidents through Police wireless network.

Now, all scheduled service and maintenance works for ambulances has been completed. Extra ambulances will be deployed in areas where higher emergencies are expected. All weekly-off and leaves of the call centre and Ambulance staff have been cancelled to have adequate availability of manpower.

In Mysuru district, 32 Ambulances and 1 Bike Ambulance has been deployed while in Mandya district - 21 ambulances and in Chamarajanagar district - 13 ambulances along with adequate manpower to handle any emergency cases are in place.

For details contact Narayan on Mob: 96062-32740.

Year-end cheer: India closer to COVID vaccine after UK nod

Expert panel to reconvene and further deliberate on vaccine approval tomorrow

New Delhi, Dec. 31- The United Kingdom (UK) yesterday approved Coronavirus vaccine developed by University of Oxford and AstraZeneca, paving way for its rollout at a time when the country is in the grip of its worst wave of infections, and offering an important endorsement that will likely be taken into account in India, where authorities are reviewing the inoculation.

While the UK said it will begin administering the first shots from next week, Indians must wait a little longer since the Subject Expert Committee (SEC) of the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) – which is vetting the data from safety and efficacy trials – is yet to reach a decision.

The CDSCO that met last afternoon to consider emergency use authorisation applications by the Serum Institute of India (SII) for the Oxford COVID-19 vaccine and Bharat Biotech's Covaxin will reconvene on Jan. 1 to further deliberate on the matter.

The SEC on COVID-19 deliberated and analysed the additional data and information submitted by SII and Bharat Biotech."The SEC in the CDSCO met in the afternoon to consider the emergency use authorisation (EUA) request of Pfizer, SII and Bharat Biotech Pvt. Ltd," the Health Ministry said.

"Further time was requested on behalf of Pfizer. The additional data and information presented by SII and Bharat Biotech was perused and analysed by the SEC. The analysis of the additional data and information is going on. The SEC will convene again on Jan. 1, 2021," it said.

The UK's Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) on Wednesday approved the COVID-19 vaccine developed by scientists at Oxford University and produced by AstraZeneca for human use.

The Pune-based Serum Institute of India, the world's largest vaccine manufacturer, has entered into a tie-up AstraZeneca to manufacture Covishield. **Incidentally, the Phase II clinical trials for Covishield were conducted at JSS Medical College and Hospital in Mysuru in August this year.**

In Karnataka, JSS Hospital is the only institute that has been selected for the clinical trial. Covishield was administered to about 25 volunteers at JSS Hospital after Phase II trials began on Aug. 29.

JD(S) to become part of NDA?

Bengaluru, Dec.31 (KMS&DM)- Setting the tone for a new political alignment in the new year, the JD(S), which had formed a coalition Government with the Congress in 2018, is most likely to shift its political stance and move closer to the BJP.

As a first move in this regard, the JD(S) may become part of the BJP headed NDA (National Democratic Alliance) at the Centre. Former Chief Minister and senior JD(S) leader H.D. Kumaraswamy, who is said to be upset with the Congress for the collapse of coalition Government, is ready to reach an understanding with the ruling BJP in the State.

Kumaraswamy, who became CM for the first time in 2006 with support from BJP, is said to have realised that BJP is a better partner than Congress, especially after his bitter experience with Congress in 2018, after the fall of the Congress Government.

Meanwhile, it is learnt that the BJP too seems to be ready to have an understanding with JD(S) in order to root out Congress in the State. The BJP has come up with a plan, according to which, Kumaraswamy will be given a responsible position at the Centre. However, at the moment, the merger of JD(S) with BJP is ruled out. At the same time, Kumaraswamy may put forward Bihar example where Nitish Kumar's JD(U) is running a coalition Government with BJP.

Kumaraswamy plans to hold a mammoth meeting of party workers in Bengaluru on Jan.15, when it is expected that JD(S) supremo and former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda, would hand over the party's mantle to his younger son H.D. Kumaraswamy.

MYSORE TRAIN TIMINGS

FROM MYSURU RAILWAY STATION

Train No.	From Station	To Station	Mysuru Departure	Bengaluru Arrival	Days of Service	
06518	Mangaluru	KSR Bengaluru	05.50	08.40	Fri, Sat & Sun	Fully reserved
06558	Mysuru	Bangarpet	05.50	08.43	6 days a week except Sunday	Unreserved
06504	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	06.45	09.35	Daily	Fully reserved
06229	Mysuru	Varanasi	07.20	09.55	Tue & Thu	Fully reserved
02975	Mysuru	Jaipur	10.40	12.55	Thu & Sat	Fully reserved
02578	Mysuru	Darbhanga	10.40	13.20	Friday	Fully reserved
06201	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	11.30	14.00	Daily	Partially unreserved
06315	Mysuru	Kochuveli	12.50	16.35	Daily	Fully reserved
07307	Mysuru	Bagalkot	13.30	16.30	Daily	Fully reserved
02786	Mysuru	Kacheguda	15.15	17.55	Daily	Fully reserved
06535	Mysuru	Solapur	15.45	18.30	Daily	Fully reserved
06232	Mysuru	Mayiladuturai	16.30	18.45	Daily	Fully reserved
06219	Chamarajanagar	Tirupati	16.55	20.25	Daily	Fully reserved
06236	Mysuru	Tuticorin	18.20	21.05	Daily	Fully reserved
06210	Mysuru	Ajmer	19.00	21.55	Tue & Thu	Fully reserved
06582	Mysuru	Hubballi	18.35	21.30	Daily	Fully reserved
06227	Mysuru	Talguppa	19.30	22.30	Daily	Fully reserved
06022	Mysuru	MGR Chennai Central	21.00	23.45	Daily	Fully reserved

STAR OF MYSORE Service to readers

DEPARTING FROM KSR BENGALURU AND ARRIVING MYSURU

Train No.	From Station	To Station	Bengaluru Departure	Mysuru Arrival	Days of Service	
06209	Ajmer	Mysuru	23.45	02.15	Tue & Sun	Fully reserved
06021	MGR Chennai Central	Mysuru	03.55	06.40	Daily	Fully reserved
06228	Talguppa	Mysuru	04.30	07.45	Daily	Fully reserved
06231	Mayiladuturai	Mysuru	05.55	08.40	Daily	Fully reserved
06581	Hubballi	Mysuru	05.55	08.55	Daily	Fully reserved
02785	Kacheguda	Mysuru	06.45	09.40	Daily	Fully reserved
06235	Tuticorin	Mysuru	07.00	09.55	Daily	Fully reserved
06220	Tirupati	Chamarajanagar	05.00	08.05	Daily	Fully reserved
06536	Solapur	Mysuru	07.50	11.00	Daily	Fully reserved
06316	Kochuveli	Mysuru	08.45	11.20	Daily	Fully reserved
07308	Bagalkot	Mysuru	11.15	13.50	Daily	Fully reserved
02976	Jaipur	Mysuru	13.00	15.45	Wed & Fri	Fully reserved
06202	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	15.15	17.45	Daily	Partially unreserved
06503	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	18.15	21.05	Daily	Fully reserved
02577	Darbhanga	Mysuru	18.40	21.40	Thursday	Fully reserved
06557	Bangarpet	Mysuru	19.20	22.25	6 days a week except Sunday	Unreserved
06517	KSR Bengaluru	Mangaluru	20.30	23.05	Wed, Fri & Sun	Fully reserved
06230	Varanasi	Mysuru	23.30	02.15	Mon & Sat	Fully reserved

TOWARDS HUBBALLI AND BACK VIA HASSAN, ARSIKERE, DAVANGERE & HAVERI

Train No.	From Station	To Station	Mysuru Departure	Dharwad Arrival	Days of Service	
07301	Mysuru	Dharwad	22.30	08.05	Daily	Fully reserved
07302	Dharwad	Mysuru	20.50	07.05	Daily	Fully reserved

TOWARDS CHAMARAJANAGAR AND BACK

Train No.	From Station	To Station	Departure	Arrival	Days of Service	
06220	Tirupati	Chamarajanagar	10.40 (Mysuru)	12.30	Daily	Fully Reserved
06223	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	12.35	14.35	Daily	Unreserved
06219	Chamarajanagar	Tirupati	15.10	16.45 (Mysuru)	Daily	Fully reserved
06234	Chamarajanagar	Mysuru	17.00	18.40	Daily	Unreserved

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Water rate goes up for non-domestic users

Mysuru, Dec. 31 (SSV)- Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has revised drinking water tariff for **non-domestic, industrial and commercial category consumers** and the new rates will come into effect from Jan.1, 2021.

In a press release here, Gurudatta Hegde, Commissioner of MCC, has appealed to use water judiciously and also pay the bill before the due date. Residents with faulty meters and no water meters must immediately bring it to the notice of the Department concerned for immediate repair/new installation. Failing which, as per provision made by the Government of Karnataka, the MCC will collect an additional 25 percent to 50 percent on existing tariff, he added.

NEW WATER RATES

SERIAL NO.	CATEGORY	SLAB (in litres)	WATER TARIFF (for every 1,000 ltrs.)
1.	Non-Domestic	**Minimum Rate**	Rs. 168.00
		1-10,000	Rs. 16.80
		10,001-20,000	Rs. 21.60
		20,001-30,000	Rs. 26.40
		30,001-above	Rs. 31.20
2.	Commercial / Industrial (Purified Water)	**Minimum Rate**	Rs. 336.00
		1-10,000	Rs. 33.60
		10,001-20,000	Rs. 43.20
		20,001-30,000	Rs. 52.80
		30,001-above	Rs. 62.40
3.	Commercial/ Industrial (Raw Water)	**Minimum Rate** (1-8,000)	Rs. 300.00
		8,001-15,000	Rs. 30.00
		15,001-25,000	Rs. 40.00
		25,001-above	Rs. 50.00

NOTE: There has been no change in 30 percent UGD cess being charged for those who have taken the Corporation UGD connection. The Service Tax on new connection has remained unchanged.

MYSURU FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Mysuru-Bengaluru, Mangaluru, Goa, Cochin & Hyderabad [Alliance Air]

All days

Flight No.	Departure	Time (IST)	Arrival	Time (IST)
AI 9881	Hyderabad	14:35	Mysuru	15:30
AI 9881	Mysuru	16:00	Goa	17:30
AI 9882	Goa	18:00	Mysuru	19:30
AI 9882	Mysuru	20:00	Hyderabad	22:00
Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday				
AI 9531	Bengaluru	6:55	Mysuru	7:55
AI 9531	Mysuru	8:25	Cochin	9:25
AI 9532	Cochin	9:50	Mysuru	10:50
AI 9532	Mysuru	11:20	Mangaluru	12:30
AI 9533	Mangaluru	12:55	Mysuru	13:55
AI 9533	Mysuru	14:20	Bengaluru	15:20
Monday, Thursday				
AI 9531	Bengaluru	6:55	Mysuru	7:55
AI 9531	Mysuru	8:25	Cochin	9:25
AI 9534	Cochin	9:20	Mysuru	10:50
AI 9534	Mysuru	11:15	Bengaluru	12:15
Tuesday				
AI 9531	Bengaluru	10:00	Mysuru	11:00
AI 9531	Mysuru	11:30	Cochin	12:30
AI 9534	Cochin	13:00	Mysuru	14:00
AI 9534	Mysuru	14:30	Bengaluru	15:30

Mysuru-Chennai & Belagavi [Trujet Airline]

All days

Flight No.	Departure	Time (IST)	Arrival	Time (IST)
2T-537	Chennai	15:25	Mysuru	16:40
2T-544	Mysuru	17:00	Chennai	18:35
2T-543	Belagavi	19:00	Mysuru	20:10
2T-538	Mysuru	20:30	Belagavi	21:50

Hyerabad-Mysuru-Hyerabad [Indigo]

All days

Flight No.	Departure	Time (IST)	Arrival	Time (IST)
6E 7955	Hyderabad	8:35	Mysuru	10:25
6E 7956	Mysuru	10:50	Hyderabad	12:50

EVENTS TODAY (DEC. 31)

- **JSS Mysore Urban Haat and Office of the Development Commissioner (Handlooms), Government of India, Ministry of Textiles, Cauvery Handlooms, Bengaluru and the Department of Handloom,Textiles and Commerce; INDEXT-c, Government of Gujarat:** Special Handloom Expo and Gujarat Handicrafts Utsav, JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Ring Road, Hebbal Industrial Area, **up to 9 pm.**
- **Rangayana, Mysuru:** Book release —'COVID Kattaleyalloo Rangabelaku' — by MLA L. Nagendra, senior theatre and film art director Shashidhar Adapa chief guest, Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana premises, **3.30 pm;** Demonstration on 'Kolata Mattu Raaga Saraaga' by students of Rangayana's Bharatiya Rangashikshana Kendra, Tala-Maddale 'Bheeshmaarjuna' by Anjaneya Mahila Yakshagana Sangha of Puttur (Director: Bhaskar Barya), Vanaranga, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Vasundhara Performing Arts Centre (VPAC), Mysuru:** Vasundharotsava-2020, 34th edition of national festival of classical dance and music, Bharatanatyam by Vidu. Mithra Naveen, Mysuru - Disciple of late Guru Muralidhar Rao and Guru Dr. Kripa Phadke, **5.30 pm;** Anusha Raj, Mysuru - Disciple of Guru Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy, **6.30 pm;** Pooja Sugam and Amrutha Bhat - Disciple of Guru Dr. Kripa Phadke, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **7.30 pm to 8.25 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN. 1)

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- **Vasundhara Performing Arts Centre (VPAC), Mysuru:** Vasundharotsava-2020, 34th edition of national festival of classical dance and music, Karnatak Vocal by Vid. Manasa Nayana, **5.30 pm;** Bharatanatyam by Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy — 'Shabari' based on 'Epic Ramayan' (Concept and script - Vidu. Dr. Jyothi Shankar; Music - Vid. Srivatsa of Bengaluru; Choreography - Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy), Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6.30 pm to 8.30 pm.**

NOW SHOWING - MOVIES

Padma Theatre Ph: 2521923

Shakeela (K)	2 Shows - 10.30 am, 1.30 pm
Vanguard (E)	2 Shows - 4.30 pm, 7.30 pm

Balaji Theatre Ph: 2497199

Shakeela (H)	3 Shows

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Wonder Women - 1984 (E)	(S-1)	1.10 pm, 4.15 pm
	(S-4)	10.45 am, 6.50 pm
Solo Brathuke So Better (Te)	(S-1)	7.30 pm; (S-2) 11.10 am
	(S-3)	4.00 pm; (S-4) 1.45 pm
Bow Bow (K)	(S-2)	1.55 pm
Shakeela (H)	(S-2)	4.30 pm, 7.10 pm
Vanguard (E)	(S-3)	11.15 am, 6.30 pm
Avanalli Ivalilli (K)	(S-3)	1.30 pm
Murder (Te)	(S-3)	8.40 pm
Act 1978 (K)	(S-4)	4.15 pm

INOX LIVE THE MOVIE Ph: 2533444 / 2533456

Wonder Women - 1984 (E)	(S-4)	10.00 am
	(S-1)	10.45 am, 2.15 pm
		5.45 pm
	(S-2)	11.30 am, 3.00 pm
		6.30 pm
Solo Brathuke So Better (Te)	(S-3)	10.15 am, 1.10 pm
		7.00 pm
Vanguard (E)	(S-4)	1.30 pm
	(S-3)	4.15 pm
Avanalli Ivalilli (K)	(S-4)	4.30 pm
Shakeela (H)	(S-4)	7.30 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here. **The other multiplexes and single screen theatres are yet to open.**

Hero Indian Super League 2020-21

Goa gains comeback 2-1 win over Hyderabad FC

Hyderabad players defend a corner during a Hero ISL 2020-21 match at Tilak Maidan Stadium in Vasco yesterday.

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Vasco, Dec. 31- Goals from Ishan Pandita and Igor Angulo helped FC Goa come back and secure the three points against Hyderabad FC in Match 43 of Hero ISL 2020-21 at Tilak Maidan Stadium in Vasco yesterday.

Hyderabad took the lead early in the second half but a first-ever Hero ISL goal from Pandita and a ninth of the season from Angulo sealed the deal for the Gaurs as they head into the new year in the top four.

Hero of the Match: Igor Angulo (FC Goa); **DHL Winning Pass of the Match:** Edu Bedia (FC Goa).

Federer and Nadal re-elected to ATP Players' Council

London, Dec. 31- Tennis legends Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer, ranked second and fifth in the world respectively, have been re-elected to the ATP Players' Council, whose term runs until June 2022.

The Council, as voted by ATP player members, also saw the re-election of Canadian Felix Auger-Aliassime, Australian John Millman, South African Kevin Anderson, Briton Andy Murray and Brazilian Bruno Soares.

In addition, France's Gilles Simon returns to the Council having served previous terms, while newcomers Pablo Andujar of Spain and New Zealander Marcus Daniell will serve their first term. Briton Colin Dowdeswell and Venezuela's Daniel Vallverdu were elected as representatives of retired players and coaches respectively.

The Council's President and Vice-President will be elected at its first meeting in 2021.

It was presided over until last year by World No. 1 Novak Djokovic. But the Serb broke away in August to establish a new players' association which he said would include women and was intended to bring players together to give them a louder voice in decision-making.

Federer and Nadal both spoke out against the proposal when it was announced, calling for "unity, not separation".

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